## **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1447**

## By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kendi Barnard, the 2021–2022 Lincoln Heights Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kendi Barnard is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, Ms. Barnard was recently named the school's 2021–2022 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a five-year educator who earned her bachelor's degree in K–5 grade education from East Tennessee State University, Ms. Barnard is a part of the math team within an ongoing acceleration program called "Success Beyond the Classroom" at Lincoln Heights, a member of the school's instructional support team, and a district learning leader; and

WHEREAS, a Morristown native, Ms. Barnard is grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of six years, Markus Barnard, and their children, Ella and Elliott; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnard is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barnard truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Lincoln Heights Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Kendi Barnard epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Kendi Barnard on being chosen as the 2021–2022 Lincoln Heights Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.

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